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**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**  
Worship Service 9:30 AM

**PASTOR HOURS**  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM  
Monday-Thursday

You may also join us for Sunday  
worship on YouTube  
at 9:30 AM

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# The Communicator

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*Sharing Christ's Love Through Service*

## From the Pastor

The month of June brings several meaningful dates to our calendar. One of the most significant events in the life of the Church is Pentecost, observed this year on Sunday, June 8. Though not as widely recognized in popular culture as Christmas or Easter, Pentecost holds profound importance for Christians. It marks the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, transforming them from frightened and uncertain followers into bold proclaimers of the faith, many of whom would eventually face martyrdom for their beliefs.

Luke's account of Pentecost in Acts 2 highlights how the Holy Spirit breaks down barriers among people. The narrative intentionally echoes Genesis 11 and the story of the Tower of Babel, when humanity's pride led to a confusion of languages and division. Pentecost, in contrast, is the reversal of that confusion.

Amy Boucher Pye reflects on this transformation by recalling her walks through her North London neighborhood, where she hears snippets of conversation in many languages—Polish, Japanese, Hindi, Croatian, and Italian, to name a few. While the diversity is a beautiful glimpse of heaven, she cannot always understand the words being spoken. Yet, she imagines how remarkable it must have been on that first Pentecost, when people of many nations could understand the disciples in their own languages.

On that day, pilgrims from across the known world gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the festival of the harvest. When the Holy Spirit came upon the believers, their words were heard and understood by all in their native tongues (Acts 2:5-6). It was a miracle of clarity and connection—one that inspired many to seek more about the message of Jesus.

Though we may not be multilingual, the Holy Spirit empowers us to reach others in meaningful ways. As followers of Christ, we are His hands, His feet, and His voice in this world. Today, let us consider: with the Spirit's guidance, how might we reach out to someone different from ourselves?

Several other notable dates fall in June:

**National Gun Violence Awareness Day** takes place on Friday, June 6. On this day, faith-based and secular organizations, ministries, and community groups across the country take a stand against gun violence—often by wearing orange in solidarity.

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**Juneteenth, this year will be** observed on Monday, June 16, marks the announcement of emancipation in Texas and is a pivotal moment in American history. Now a national holiday, Juneteenth will be commemorated locally at the Jamestown Juneteenth Celebration on Thursday, June 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arts Park. Join this cultural event where our youth group is planning to perform a skit.

**World Refugee Day**, established by the United Nations in 2000, is observed on June 20. This day draws global attention to the plight of millions of refugees and displaced persons. We are invited to stand in solidarity with them—not only through awareness but through tangible acts such as providing food and essential items to those seeking peace and safety.

**The Summer Solstice** will occur on Friday, June 20, at 9:42 p.m. Central Time. Known as the longest day and shortest night of the year, it marks the point when the sun travels its northernmost path across the sky, offering the Northern Hemisphere the most direct and extended daylight of the year.

As we move through this season, may we give thanks to God for each day granted to us—a day to serve both the Creator and all of creation. May the Spirit of Pentecost move mightily through United Presbyterian Church, renewing and empowering us in faithful service.

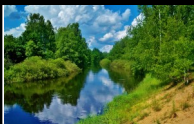
God bless,  
Pastor Bob Boyar



Special Thanks to **Ruth Bossingham**  
for 46 years as one of our Sunday  
School Teachers!

Shout out to ALL our Sunday School Teachers!!

Pastor Bob Boyar, Nancy Burgard, Tiffany Dauer,  
Danielle Giesler, Tammie Keesee, Steve Reed, & Jerome Zamgba




June 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:30 AM Communion	2	3	4 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	5 AA 7:00 PM	6	7
8 Worship 9:30 AM Day of Pentecost	9	10	11 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	12 AA 7:00 PM	13	14
15 Worship 9:30 AM Father's Day	16	17	18 NO Zoom Bible Study	19 AA 7:00 PM	20	21
22 Worship 9:30 AM	23	24	25 NO Zoom Bible Study	26 AA 7:00 PM	27	28
29 Worship 9:30 AM	30					


*More Dates to Remember...*

June 12—Juneteenth event at the Arts Park 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
June 29—Deacon Fundraiser– Jamestown Cancer Group-after worship, Fellowship Hall



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS 2025


<b>Sylvia Pringle</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Jim Morris</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Douglas Reimers</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Agnes Neypen</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Sally Morehouse</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>JoAnn Albrecht</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Kevin Bossingham</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Les Lueck</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Sue Parries</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Amy Bennett</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Joe Burgard</b>	<b>28</b>





## June Anniversaries

<b>Charley &amp; Tammie Keesee</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Gary &amp; Lou Mayer</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Larry &amp; Bev Hoffman</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Bill &amp; Sue Parries</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Avery &amp; Brenna Foerderer</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Roger &amp; Sylvia Pringle</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Charles &amp; Bonnie Schmitz</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Rita Morris</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Les &amp; Charlotte Enger</b>	<b>26</b>



## DEACON DIALOGUE . .

The Deacons are a group of men and women from our congregation that have a heart to serve those in our church and community. The Deacons organize a variety of activities by which they share the love and joy of Jesus Christ. The service of deacons in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is to lead the church in its ministries of compassion (distributing aid, caring directly for the poor, the sick, refugees, and prisoners), and justice (working for equity) in society.

\*The Christian Nurture Committee Donation Meal did very well collecting \$657.00 to be used for equipment for those children here with disabilities.

\*Thank you to Vickie Enger for making the baked goods and packaging the Shut-In's May Baskets, and to all who helped deliver them.

\*The Deacon's Fund Collection May 11 raised about \$1000 for those members and locals in need.

\* The card lady, Jackie, handed in a report for stamps of \$216.98. Lots of love being sent out.

June 29—Fundraiser meal for the Jamestown Cancer Group after worship in the Fellowship Hall

**\*\*Don't forget there is a shopping cart in the narthex for Community Action Food Pantry. Please consider a donation of non-perishable items for Community Action.\*\***

## Christian Education Coordinator

**Overview:**  
The Presbytery Spring Youth Retreat took place from May 2nd to May 4th, bringing together a vibrant group of 24 youths (6 girls and 18 boys) from six different churches within the Presbytery. Additionally, 7 adults participated in the retreat, providing support and guidance throughout the event.

**Financial Summary:**  
The cost for each participant was \$50. To help cover attendance fees, I received \$150 from the church and \$60 from three parents.

**Retreat Schedule:**  
*Day 1: Friday, May 2*  
Participants arrived after 8 PM, where they completed registration before heading to the sanctuary for devotion. The evening included Free Time, Vespers, Evening Snacks, and concluded with Lights Out.

*Day 2: Saturday, May 3*  
The day began with breakfast, followed by a series of engaging activities, including:

- Devotional Time	- More Free Time
- Prayer Stations	- Dinner
- Games	- Devotional Time
- Free Time	- Talent Show
- Lunch	- Movie Screening
- Service Project	

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Session Highlights May 2025

Electronic Motion:

The Personnel Committee recommends, “hiring Robin Barnes as the UPC Administrative Assistant with the terms of employment at \$20.00 per hour up to 16 hours per week (\$20.00 per hour for actual hours worked) starting the week of April 28, 2025.”  
Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 RECOMMENDATION APPROVED 4/23/25

Moderator Report:

Pastor Bob has Continuing Education Leave from May 19<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup>. Bill Weispfenning will lead worship on May 25.  
Charley Keesee moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve Bill Weispfenning leading worship service May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.” MOTION CARRIED  
Pastor Bob has vacation from June 16 to July 3, 2025. Pastor Bob and Ellen plan to travel to the Philippines. Bill Weispfenning will lead worship on June 22 and 29.  
Charley Keesee moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve Bill Weispfenning leading worship service June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.” MOTION CARRIED  
Pastor Bob will be speaking at the “Front Porch Chat” on the history of the church.  
Tiffany Dauer moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve Pastor Bob speak at the “Front Porch Chat” on the history of the United Presbyterian Church” on Sunday July 20th. MOTION CARRIED

Christian Nurture:

The Christian Nurture committee along with Jerome Zamgba, Christian Education Coordinator continue to plan for VBS this summer. Volunteers are needed. Dates are July 27 through 30. The Sunday School students will be singing in church on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Bossingham will retire as a pre-school teacher after 46 years after VBS. We will honor her on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Deacons:

Christian Nurture Committee Donation meal \$657.  
Shut-Ins May baskets all delivered.  
Deacon’s offering will be collected May 11<sup>th</sup>.  
UPC Sunday School recognition during worship May 18<sup>th</sup>, \$10 DQ gift cards.  
June donation meal will be held June 29<sup>th</sup> for the Jamestown Cancer Fund.

Mission:

Mark Sherfy moved/2<sup>nd</sup> “to approve Pastor Bob and Jerome explore how to have the Leader’s Academy become a Presbyterian Church.” MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Dauer, Clerk pro tem

Christian Education Coordinator continued

Day 3: Sunday, May 4

The final day commenced with breakfast, followed by preparation and packing, as well as a period of quiet reflection. The retreat culminated in a Sunday worship service led by Rev. Leanne, who preached and served communion. The youths warmly greeted and welcomed worshippers at the entrances. Before departing, we captured several group photos to commemorate the experience.

Retreat Highlights:

Overall, the retreat was a tremendous success. The youths bonded well and formed meaningful connections. The games were particularly enjoyable, and participants expressed enthusiasm for the service project. On Saturday afternoon, everyone utilized the YMCA facilities for showers, which worked out seamlessly.

Concerns:

While the retreat was largely positive, there were some behavioral concerns among the youths. An incident occurred where jokes directed at one male participant escalated, leading to inappropriate behavior towards the girls. One of the girls reached out to her mother to address the situation, which was resolved amicably. Following this incident, the group was able to enjoy the remainder of the retreat together without further issues.

Conclusion:

The Presbytery Spring Youth Retreat provided a valuable opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun. The connections made and experiences shared will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on all participants. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this retreat a memorable event.

Jerome Zamgba  
Christian Education Coordinator

Financial Update

Revenue April 2025	\$15780.23
Expenses April 2025	<u>\$15761.93</u>
Income/Loss April 2025	\$ 18.30
YTD Income April 2025	\$95,468.20
YTD Expenses April 2025	<u>\$76,531.93</u>
YTD Income/Loss April 2025	\$18,936.27

We thank you for your continued support of United Presbyterian Church!

**Per-Capita Payments:** We encourage all members to pay their per-capita as a gift above and beyond their annual pledge. **Our per-capita is based on \$50.00 for each active member of our church.** To submit a check for per-capita, simply write “Per-capita” on the memo line of your check.